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SUBJECT: 28TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY PROGRESS REPORT

1. FOLLOWING AM SESSIONS SATURDAY, MAY 24, 28TH WHA COMPLETED ITS SECOND WEEKS WITH PROGRESS UNEVEN AS BETWEEN COMMITTEES A AND B.

2. PLENARY: FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS ADMITTING TONGA, NORTH VIETNAM AND MOZAMBIQUE OVER 100 MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN GENERAL DEBATE ON DG'S REPORT AND REPORT OF EXBD. USDEL COOPER MADE ONLY BRIEF SUMMARY OF FULL STATEMENT WHICH HE THEN ASKED BE INSERTED IN THE RECORD. HIS EXAMPLE ONLY MIDLY CONTAGIOUS. ASSEMBLY ELECTED BANGLADESH, FINLAND, MAURITANIA, RWANDA, YUGOSLAVIA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND SOMALIA TO EXBD AND SIX ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WILL BE ELEXTED MAY 28 AS RESULT OF COMING INTO FORCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INCREASING SIZE OF BOARD TO 30. EXPECTED DISTRIBUTION FOR NEW SEATS IS AFRICA (3), AMERICAS (1), EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (1) AND WESTERN PACIFIC (1). SOVIETS MAKING BID FOR EXTRA SEAT FOR EUROPE AND INDIA AND BANGLADESH CAMPAIGNING FOR EXTRA SEAT FOR SEASIA REGION ON BASIS LARGER POPULATION AND MASSIVE HEALTH NEEDS OF REGION. IN THIS
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JOCKEYING SEAT FOR AMERICAS IS PROBABLY MOST IN JEOPARDY.

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3. COMMITTEE A: MOVING SLOWLY THROUGH AGENDA ITEM 2.2.3 DETAILED REVIEW OF PROGRAM BUDGET FOR '76 AND '77 HAD REACHED SECTION 6.1 AT END OF SATURDAY'S SESSION. IT HAS ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS ON TROPICAL PARASITIC DISEASES, SMALLPOX, PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS AND LEPROSY CONTROL, MENTAL RETARDATION, SEXUALLY TRANMITTED AND RHEUMATIC DISEASES, MYCOTIC DISEASES AND SCHISTOSOMIASIS. A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IS DISCUSSIONS OF SCHISTOSOMIASIS INCLUDING PRC WHICH DETAILED THEIR EFFORTS CONTROL DISEASES AND GIVE CREDIT TO INSPIRATION OF POEM BY CHAIRMAN MAO. RESOLUTION CONTAINS ALL ELEMENTS SOUGHT BY USDEL INCLUDING STATEMENT OF WHO LEADERSHIP ROLE. COMMITTEE HAS SOME TWO DOZEN RESOLUTIONS STILL TO CONSIDER WOME WITH UNDESIRABLE POLITICAL CONTENT, E.G., AID TO INDOCHINA AND SOME WITH QUESTIONABLE PROGRAMMATIC DIRECTIONS TO DG.

4. COMMITTEE B: MAKING STEADIER PROGREE THROUGH ITS AGENDA. AT END OF ITS SATURDAY SESSION IT HAD COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF ALL ITEMS INITIALLY ASSIGNED TO IT WITH EXCPETION OF: 3.16.4 WHO ACTIVITIES RELATED TO DISASTER AND NATURAL CATASTROPHIES (PARTIALLY COMPLETED); 3.16.5 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL AND 3.16 WHO'S HUMAN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM. FOLLOWING COMPLETION THESE ITEMS, COMMITTEE B WILL BEGIN TO CONSIDER ITEMS TRANSFERRED TO IT FROM COMMITTEE A AGENDA BEGINING WITH ITEM 2.4, PSYCHO FACTORS IN HEALTH AND 2.10, SAFE USE OF PESTICIDES.

AMONG HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMITTEE B ACTIONS:
(A) APPROVAL SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES AS SUGGESTED BY DG AND APPROVED BY USDEL;
(B) ADOPTED SCALE OF ASSESSMENT FOR '76 WHICH ASSESSES US AT 25.54 FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF RESERVATION BY USDEL IN COMMITTEE B (SEE SEPTEL);
(C) INVOKED NO VITE PROVISION OF ARTICLE 7 AGAINST DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WHO ABSENT AND MANY YEARS IN ARREARS;
(D) DECIDED CONTINUE CURRENT PRACTICES OF
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FINANCING WHO ACTIVITIES IN US DOLLARS AND SWISS FRANCS;
(E) AUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION NEW PRE-FABRICATED BUILDING (AND REJECTION OF NEW PREMANENT HEADQUARTERS) AS SUGGESTED BY DG AND APPROVED BY US;
(F) RECOMMENDED NO CHANGE IN LEVEL OF WORKING CAPITAL FUND DESPITE SEVERE PRESSURES ON IT DUE TO SLOW PAYMENTS BY MEMBERS (PARICULARLY US);

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(G) APPROPRIATED FROM AVAILABLE MONIES IN
REAL EASTATE FUND $2,185,915 FOR CONSTRUCTION
COSTS AT REGIONAL OFFICES FOR AFRICA, EUROPE,
SEASIA AND AT GENEVA;
(H) APPROVED STUDY BY EXBOARD OF PROGRESSIVE
IMPLEMENTATION OF CHINESE AS WORKING LANGUAGE
OF WHA, EXBD. THIS SUPPORTED BY USDEL. USDEL
WAS LONE ABSTENTION ON RESOLUTION FOR INCLUSION
OF ARABIC AS WORKING LANGUAGE OF WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION WITH ARAB STATES AGREEING TO PAY
COSTS FOR FIRST THREE YEARS. US ABSTENTION
BASED ON UNWILLINGNESS OF ARABS TO FOLLOW ORDERLY
PROCEDURES BEING USED WITH RESPECT TO "GRADUAL"
INSTODUCTIION OF CHINESE;
(I) RESULTS OF ITEM HEALTH ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEE
AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN ME SENT DEPT. BY SEPTEL;
(J) USDEL WITH HELP OF UK SUCCEEDED IN BLUNTING
EFFORT TO BROADEN ACTION AGAINST "COLONIAL POWERS"
IN AFRICA TO AL OTHER REGIONS. ACTION OF AFRICAN
REGION IN BANNING PARTICIPATION OF STATES NOT
HAVING THEIR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT IN REGION WILL
BE DRAWN TO ATTENTION OF OTHER REGIONS FOR THEIR
CONSIDERATION;
(K) UNDER UN COORDINATION ITEMS RESOLUTIONS ON:
COORDINATION, WPY, IWY AND WFC WERE ADOPTED.
ONLY US AND CANADA SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO RESO-
LUTION PROVIDING FIRST CLASS FARE AND PER DIEM
FOR REP OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY
ARAB LEAGURE AND OAU. DALE

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